## Declaration

Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Network (DCDHN) Oranjestad, Aruba, April 12, 2024

Our mission: "We are a collective of committed professionals and volunteers dedicated to making heritage - in all its mediums relevant to our communities. We are building wholeness."

## We commit to the following:

- 1. To call upon our governments to allocate the necessary recognition, space, and financial resources essential for the advancement of initiatives in digital heritage preservation and access;
- 2. To serve our communities that produce heritage in all its mediums:
- 3. To commit to inclusivity, ensuring all community heritage and cultures are recognized and represented equitably;
- 4. To commit to sharing resources and knowledge among our organizations to collaboratively achieve our common goals;
- 5. To organize an annual Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Week<sup>1</sup>, be it virtual or in-person;
- 6. To jointly explore how to increase public engagement and education around heritage issues;
- 7. To acknowledge that digital knowledge and heritage represent only a segment of the entire spectrum of knowledge and heritage;
- 8. To commit ourselves to adhering to an ethical framework that guides our practices and ensures accountability and transparency in the management and dissemination of digital heritage.
- 9. To encourage the Institutions within the Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Network to endorse and sign the Manifesto<sup>2</sup> of the NDE, the Dutch Digital Heritage Network;

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<sup>1</sup>, The first Dutch Caribbean Digital Heritage Week was held in Aruba, April 8-12, 2024.

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